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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN ASIA

REF: A) STATE 3255, B) STATE 18560

1. WE ARE RESPONDING TO REQUESTS IN REFTELS FOR INFO ON ILO
ACTIVITIES IN PNG WITH A SEPARATE CABLE FOR EACH OF THE
FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

PNG 73/017 AND PNG 70/504

PNG 73/016

PNG 74/010

PNG 74/009

PNG 75/015

2. THIS CABLE INCLUDES OVERALL CONSIDERATIONS AS BACKGROUND
FOR JUDGING INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. THE ASSESSMENTS IN SEPTELS
ARE DRAWN IN LARGE PART FROM UNDP REPS (WHO GAVE US
SPLENDID SUPPORT IN COLLECTING INFO) AND ARE FOLLOWED BY
A COMMENT SECTION REFLECTING EMBASSY VIEWS. OUR OVERALL
VIEW IS THAT THE UNDP HAS BEEN UNDULY CRITICAL RE A NUMBER
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OF THE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. PNG HAS PASSED THROUGH ITS FIRST YEAR AND A HALF OF
INDEPENDENCE AND IT STILL RELIES ON SOME US \$250 MILLION
ANNUALLY IN AID FROM AUSTRALIA AND IS REQUIRED TO
CONTINUE USING A LARGE NUMBER EXPATRIATES TO MAINTAIN
GOVERNMENT SERVICES. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IS STILL

LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF EXPATRIATES.

4. IN THE RUSH TO INDEPENDENCE FROM 1972-75, PNG HAS ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL OVER THE POLITICAL APPARATUS AND IS ONLY NOW TURNING ITS ATTENTION TO EXTENDING PNG CONTROL OVER THE ECONOMIC SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY. IN SO DOING THE GPNG IS FOLLOWING A MODERATE APPROACH EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF EXPATRIATE EXPERTISE AND LONG-TERM TRAINING FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEANS IN COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES. THE PREVAILING VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD TAKE A NUMBER OF YEARS FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEANS TO ACQUIRE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND BUSINESS ACUMEN TO STRONGLY ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN THESE FIELDS. WE ANTICIPATE AN EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL OF FAILURE IN TRAINING ENDEAVORS IN THE EARLY STAGES. IT WOULD INDEED BE TRAGIC IF THESE INITIAL STEPS ARE CURTAILED OR TERMINATED BECAUSE OF WESTERN IMPATIENCE AND THE RESPONSE THAT IS FORTHCOMING FROM THIS HIGHLY TRADITIONAL SOCIETY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROJECTS OUTLINED, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY, TOUCHES UPON A VITAL ASPECT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PNG AND THAT IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER THESE EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMPARE PNG WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHICH RECEIVED INDEPENDENCE A DECADE OR MORE AGO.

5. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ONGOING PROJECTS IN PNG:

ACTIVITY STAFF FUNDING (1) LOCATION DATES

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1. COOPER- 13 877,925/854,781 COUNTRY- 8/74-12/77 PNG/73/017
ACTIVE AND WIDE
SMALL-SCALE
BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT (2)

2. CO-OPER- 7 508,025/518,600 PORT 8/70-7/74 PNG/70/504
ACTIVE DEVEL- MORESBY
OPMENT

3. VOCATIONAL - 6,000/N.A. - 9/75-4/77 PNG/73/016

4. WORKERS' 1 71,083/20,000 PORT 2/75-1/76 PNG/74/010
EDUCATION MORESBY/
LAE

5. VOCATIONAL - 28,500/70,000 FELLOW- 9/74-4/75 PNG/74/009
TRAINING SHIPS
SINGAPORE

6. SOCIAL 1 23,065/7,000 PORT 2/76-8/76 PNG/75/015
SECURITY MORESBY

7. EMPLOYMENT 1 17,016/N.A. PORT 9/73-4/74 PNG/70/002
DEVELOPMENT MORESBY

(1) UNDP FUNDING IN US\$
GOVT FUNDING IN AUST \$
GOVT FUNDING FIGURES UNRELIABLE

(2) AT TIME OF REPORTING CONSISTING OF:
4 EXPERTS
8 ASST EXPERTS
1 VOLUNTEER.
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